



# GOLDEN RULE PROJECT

Grade  
4-12

Time  
45  
minutes

Social  
Studies  
Core

## Build the Sculpture

### Line of inquiry

How can we work together to solve a problem?

**Grade range:** 4-12

**Group size:** No more than 7, no less than 4

**Materials:** Each group will be given 2 pieces of yarn 2 ft. long, 2 pieces of butcher paper that are 2x2 feet square. Facilitator will need a raw egg and a ladder.

**Activity Objective:** Ask students to build a statue – with given materials – that will hold an egg when dropped

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Skills:** Critical thinking skills, communication, cooperation

**Space:** A large room, a classroom with room in the middle, a gym or playground

**Directions:** Each group will receive their materials and this task: Build / craft / create a statue honoring your city (or you could choose a real person, a saint or something else.) The students have only the materials they have been given and themselves. They must construct a statue that has a place to catch an egg from the bird that is a symbol of their town, she will only lay her egg on the statue and she only lays one egg a year. The facilitator will drop the egg from a 7ft. ladder. They must use all of the materials

**Extensions:** It is important for all members to contribute. Facilitators can assign roles like engineer, designer etc. Some side coaching will help keep students engaged.

**Reflection:** Why is it important for communities to have a sense of pride? How did you include all of the members?

**Notes:** Younger students may need some extra help with the plans. This could also become a class project.

### Core Standards – Social Studies:

**4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Civic preparation: Students can identify with local problems, engage in dialogue to find solutions and share ideas with stakeholders. / **8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Engage in dialogue regarding American Exceptionalism.